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Life & Work with Evonka

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Today we'd like to introduce you to Evonka.

Hi Evonka, thanks for joining us today. We'd love for you to start by introducing yourself.
I started drag almost 11 years ago. It was something I've always had a passion for, and being a performer my entire life it was something I was very drawn to. I started as most baby queens do a busted mess with no one to help me get better. I sought out help from other entertainers but was always told the way I wanted to do drag was wrong and I had to look and present a certain way. I, of course didn't agree with this and continued to get better and do drag the way I wanted to do drag. Through the years, I've worked all across the country and have started my own YouTube channel and my own podcast. While also dabbling in whatever projects I want to do for myself. Something that I hid for a long time from the world was that I was living with a tumor in a place of my body that I was ashamed of and it was impacting my drag, so I did what every fame hungry person would do and went on a tv show to have it removed. I got the opportunity to work with TLC on a little show called dr pimple popper on an episode that premiered this past August. I was able to showcase my drag and really have a lot of fun while being vulnerable for everyone to see. Drag has helped me develop into the person I am today. It's helped me realize my gender identity as nonbinary and it's really helped me through some very dark times in my life.

I'm sure you wouldn't say it's been obstacle free, but so far would you say the journey have been a fairly smooth road?
Drag hasn't always been smooth sailing. Neither has my personal life, I went through some very dark abusive relationships in my past but drag was always there to be that beacon of light for me to show me that I'm worth something.

Thanks for sharing that. So, maybe next you can tell us a bit more about your work?
As a nonbinary, kink positive, body positive drag entertainer, I strive for inclusion for everyone. I want everyone who comes to one of my shows to know they have a safe space to have fun and let go. I'm very authentic, I'm weird, I'm crazy and I'm always going to 100 with you because I don't like drama. I'm probably most known for going to universal Orlando in full drag on a regular basis.

Do you have any advice for those just starting out?
My advice that I would give new entertainers as they come up is, be you. Create your character and don't try to be like anyone else. There's a million drag performers in the world but there is only one you. And that's special. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you don't know how to do something and know you're worth. Also, never stop improving. But most importantly have fun! Because it's just drag, it's all about fun!!

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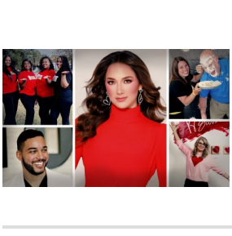
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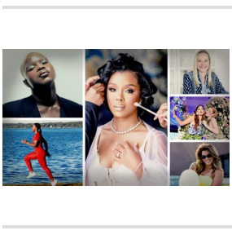
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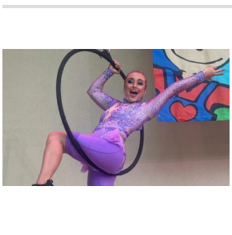
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